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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA'S  
STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 22, AFTER SC MEETING, REGARDING  
CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING LESOTHO  
COMPLAINT.

QUOTE

I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER  
TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE  
COUNCIL IS DEVOID OF ALL SENSE AND OF ALL SUBSTANCE AND THAT IT  
WILL BE TOTALLY IGNORED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT;

IT IS A MEASURE OF THE DEPTHS TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS  
SUNK THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE FREE WORLD CAN ACQUIESCE IN A  
SQUALID TACTICAL MANOEUVRE DESIGNED TO SERVE ONLY THE SECTIONAL  
INTERESTS OF CERTAIN GROUPS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP.  
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THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED TODAY BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
IS THE MOST CYNICAL DEMONSTRATION WE HAVE YET RECEIVED ON THE  
DOUBLE STANDARDS APPLIED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS VENDETTA  
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

THE COUNTRIES WHICH AGREED WITH THE RESOLUTION ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE COMPLAINT SUBMITTED BY LESOTHO RESTS UPON NO VALID FOUNDATION. LESOTHO'S ACCESS TO THE SEA OR TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THROUGH ITS BORDERS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, NOT THROUGH THE BORDER IT SHARES WITH TRANSKEI. IT THEREFORE SUFFERS NO DENIAL OF THOSE RIGHTS OF TRANSIT WHICH IT CLAIMS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS ENOUGH TO POINT OUT THAT HAD SOUTH AFRICAN AIRPORT FACILITIES NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, THE MOST RECENT BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD IN LESOTHO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO IS EQUALLY AWARE THAT NO BORDER CLOSURE HAS TAKEN PLACE AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO HINDERANCE UPON THE PASSAGE OF GOODS ACROSS THIS BORDER. IT IS WITHIN THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE TO DECIDE ON THE PROPER DOCUMENTS IT REQUIRES BEFORE THE ADMISSION OF ANY FOREIGNER INTO ITS TERRITORY AND IT REMAINS INCUMBENT UPON SUCH APPLICANTS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

WHILE THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IGNORE THE CLAIMS OF THE PEOPLE OF TRANSKEI, FREELY EXPRESSED THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIVE PROCESS, TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE SPURIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF A GOVERNMENT WHOSE CLAIM TO LEGALITY THEY WELL KNOW RESTS UPON A COUP D'ETAT CARRIED OUT WHEN THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT WAS DEFEATED AT THE POLLS.

THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE IN THE FIRST PLACE NOTHING MORE THAN AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO TURN THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD  
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FROM THE INTERNAL POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE LESOTHO GOVERNMENT IS FACING.

THE STATEMENT MADE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LESOTHO SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THE SECOND OBJECTIVE OF THIS FRAUDULENT EXERCISE WAS TO OBTAIN FUNDS AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WHILE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZES WITH LESOTHO'S NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IT REJECTS AS CONTEMPTIBLE THE METHOD OF USING SOUTH AFRICA AS A SCAPEGOAT TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE.

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